FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Swimming Carnival:
Our Annual Swimming Carnival is to be held this Wednesday 10th February 2016 at the Parkes Pool. Mrs Fisher is sending home a note with some information on it-please ensure that you take the time to read all of the information on the note as it is important to the success of the carnival. A huge thank you to Mrs Fisher who has put in many extra hours organising our swimming carnival for 2016. Looking forward to another wonderful day and the weather forecast is looking great for our carnival.

Middleton Public School Fete:
This year the P&C are going to have a fete which will be held on Friday 11th March 2016 commencing at 3.30pm and finishing at 6:00pm. The P&C and fete committee have been doing lots of planning and there will be plenty of exciting activities, stalls and food to eat. We will be sending home shortly a list which outlines the stalls. If you are able to assist with the running of these stalls during the fete, it would be appreciated if you could fill in the form and return it to the office. Mark the date in your calendar Friday 11th March 2016.

New Director Visit:
Last Wednesday afternoon I had a visit from Maree Angus who is our new director for Lachlan following the retirement of Glenn Stewart. She was very impressed by our wonderful school and surrounds and I am looking forward to her next visit to share more about our fantastic school.

Book Packs:
Wow! We have had an amazing response to our book packs which were introduced this year. Many thanks to everyone who has supported these packs and I know the students are looking forward to using the equipment in class.

David Simes - Principal
**Awards**

Congratulations to the children who were presented with Student of the Week Ribbons for their effort last week:

Indianna Kennedy (1RW), Mikayla Penny (1/2W), Cooper Fliedner (2J), Tiana Westgarth (3/4D), Summer Ruse (3/4GD), Ebony Weekes (3/4O), Bella Gould (5/6E), Toby Field (5/6H), Cheyenne Kelly (5/6P) Shianne Presdee (Mrs Butler), Oliver Neilson (Mrs Norton), Karlah Stubbs (Mrs O'Donnell), Jayda Willis (Mrs Fisher) and Hayden Lamond (Mrs Standen).

**Well Done!!**

**MERIT CERTIFICATES —**

**Obeying School Rules**


**Primary Sports:** Gemmah Neilson

**Assembly Item:** Monitor Presentation

**Correction - 1RW**

1RW’s library day is on a Tuesday not Wednesday as stated in the class letter that was sent home last week.

*Mrs Roberts*

**Year 4 Radio Program**

Year 4 students will be once again participating in the 2LVR Community Radio Program at Forbes this year. Year 4 students are invited to complete an expression of interest.

**STAGE 2 Parent Information Session**

There will be a Stage 2 Parent Information Session on Tuesday 16th February at 5.00pm in the Stage 2 Classrooms. This will be an informative session, particularly for parents with students in Year 3 for the first time.

**NO HAT, NO PLAY**

Teachers will be diligent in enforcing this important rule. Broad-brimmed hats are the only acceptable hats to be worn.

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**Library News**

- **No library for KH and KM due to the swimming carnival on Wednesday.**

Students need a library bag to borrow books.

Library bags are available from the canteen. Please encourage and remind your child to borrow on their designated day.

Library lessons commenced last week.

- **Tuesday:** 3/4O, 5/6H, 2J, 1/2W, 1RW
- **Wednesday:** 3/4D, KH, KM
- **Thursday:** 3/4GD, 5/6E, 5/6P

**Borrowing is:**

- Kindergarten - 1 book
- Year 1 - 1 book
- Year 2 -1 book
- Year 3 - 2 books
- Year 4 - 2 books
- Year 5-2 books
- Year 6 - 2 books

- If you participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge you can borrow an extra book each week.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

 Middleton Public School students will have the opportunity to be involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This is a special initiative of the NSW Government, to foster a love of literature and encourage children to read widely for leisure and for pleasure. The Premier will send a signed certificate to all students who meet the challenge.

The **K-2 Challenge** is to experience 30 books from a booklist. The books can be read to the child, ready by the child or in a shared reading situation.

The **3-6 Challenge** is to read 20 books, with at least 15 of these books chosen from the Premier’s reading booklist.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge starts in February and finishes in August. Come on take up the challenge! If your child is interested in taking up the challenge then let me know in library lessons this week and I will send home the record sheet. If you would like more information please come and see me.

*Mrs Standen - Librarian*
Canteen News

10.02.16 Wednesday Swimming Carnival
12.02.16 Friday T Trim, T McMaster
15.02.16 Monday Q Whiteman
17.02.16 Wednesday E Pearce

Welcome back to another year.
The canteen is still desperate for more volunteers, and at the moment our roster is made up for the first term for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
If you can help out one day a month from 9.30am to 12.30pm please contact the school 6862 1999 or send a note in with your child.
The canteen will open every day for Crunch and Sip and snacks BUT NOT for lunch orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

Swimming Carnival
Please remember the swimming carnival is this Wednesday 10th February (Week 3) from 9.00am to approximately 3.00pm.
Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 students need to attend school as normal.

Primary Sport
The parent helper roster has been sent home today to those parents who were available to assist with supervising swimming lessons. There are still spots available to help with the Year 3/4 time slot (12:35-1:35) on Wednesday 2nd March and Wednesday 23rd March. If you are able to assist on these dates, please let Miss Ehsman know. We have amazing parent helpers at our school and all primary teachers would like to thank you for your continued support

IMPORTANT DATES!!!
Monday, 8 February Lachlan Tennis Trials
Wednesday, 10 February School Swimming Carnival
Thursday, 11 February Weekly Assembly starting at 2:10pm
Friday, 19 February Lachlan Swimming Carnival
Friday, 26 February Lachlan Cricket Trials
Wednesday, 2 March Western Tennis Trials
Friday, 4 March Western Swimming Carnival

SCRIPTURE ORGANISATION FOR 2016
Scripture will begin in Week 4 for all students.
Scripture will be non-denominational and children will remain in their normal classes for scripture and class teachers will remain in the classrooms to supervise the students whilst scripture is occurring.
Ministers and lay people from the various churches will assist with the teaching of scripture with all classes working from a booklet which has been endorsed by the Department of Education.
The material is non denominational.
We regularly receive phone calls around home time asking for messages to be passed on to students regarding transport or pick up arrangements for the afternoon, it is not always possible for us to guarantee that these messages can be passed on. Whilst we are aware that at times arrangements need to be changed throughout the day, we do ask that these arrangements be finalised in the morning before students arrive at school.

**In the Kitchen this week .....** students will be learning knife skills, so they will read and learn how to safely use a knife. They will follow a recipe to prepare a salad, make some flat bread and a dip using fresh seasonal vegetables.

**In the Garden this week .....** We will be watering, fertilizing, harvesting and drying herbs to sell at the fete. We also need to plant in some of the empty garden beds and learn about all the garden tools and how to use them safely in the garden.

**WANTED VOLUNTEERS**

We still need more parent and community volunteers to assist with our program.

When? Friday from 12.20-1.50

Who? Parents, grandparents, neighbour, relative or any community member with an interest in cooking or gardening.

Will it be hard to do? NO, not at all as the children do the cooking and gardening.

So what do I do? Supervise a small group of children (3-5 per group) complete the garden tasks or follow a recipe.

**WANTED**

Manure! We need manure to fertilise our vegetables and help them grow. Manure can be accepted by the bag full or trailer load. Many thanks if you can assist us with this important garden essential!

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**Carewest Preschool**

We currently have availabilities in both our Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday groups at our Carewest Preschool.

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**School Banking with Central West Credit Union**

All students at Middleton Public School have the option of participating in a School Banking program on a weekly basis.

- Each Thursday students are encouraged to bring their deposit to school using their deposit wallets provided by the bank. These deposits are then processed and the wallets returned to the students.

- Any students who would like to participate can call into the Central West Credit Union to open an account to participate in the school banking program.

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**Toys**

Toys are not to be brought to school unless the toy is for news and kept in your child’s school bag. Thank you
One of the stalls at the Middleton PS Fete on Friday, March 11th will be a **PRODUCE, PLANTS and ART/CRAFT** stall.

So, we are starting to gather donations of:
- potted plants
- succulents
- herbs
- new homemade craft items
- homemade chutneys, relishes, pickles and jams
- other suggestions and donations are most welcome.

We will accept any homegrown fruit and vegetables nearer to and on the day of the fete.

We need volunteers who would be willing to make some homemade items for our stall. Suggestions could include:

* Kids aprons
* Lavender bags
* Hand sewing
* Hair clips and bands
* Bath salts
* Magnets
* Knitting
* Crocheted items
* Bath bombs
* School uniform scrunchies *(material supplied)*

**So use your imaginations and get creative!**

*Ask family members, friends and neighbours who may have vegetables, plants or make homemade products to donate.*

*Thank you for your support in assisting us to host a school fete in 2016*

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**Middleton P&C Fete**

**Produce, Plants and Art/Craft Stall**

**Name:** ______________________

**Phone:** ______________________

**I am able to donate:**

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The MPS Fete is on Friday 11th March. We would like to hold a Tombola stall as one of the activities. We would greatly appreciate any donations of Tombola packs. Please see Miss Ehsman if you have any questions.

Please hand in Tombolas in snap lock bags.

Tombolas could contain whatever you like. Here are some ideas:

- Pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners etc
- Lollies
- Cards
- Hairbands
- Cars and small toys
- Notepads
- Craft items
- Balloons
- Stickers

Thank You!

You will receive house points for donations!
2016 PARKES MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
REGISTRATION

New players welcomed, must bring a copy of their birth certificate

Registration Fee: $90

Registration will be held at the Cambridge Hotel Parkes
from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Saturday 27 February or Register online at www.reg.sportingpulse.com.au

SEE YOU THERE!

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2016 PARKES BOARS JRUFC

Try Rugby Program: Fridays 5.30-6.30pm from Friday, 19 February (registration evening) to Friday, 8 April at Spicer Oval, Parkes. Cost $10 which includes a shirt to take home. A gold coin donation BBQ will run each week. The Try Rugby program involves participating in activities to build both rugby and non-rugby specific skills in a safe yet stimulating format. Each week players will participate in a variety of activities and may play a modified game.

New!! Under 5’s division has been included this year for the younger players who want to get involved and have some fun learning new skills.

Walla Rugby Competition

Games: Sundays, commencing Sunday, 1 May through to Sunday, 15 August 2016. Participating clubs throughout the Central West each host a Gala day where players take part in three games each week. Game format is as follows: Under 7’s on field coach, no contact, two handed touch only. Under 9’s supported full contact (coach on field) and Under 11’s modified full contact. Both boys and girls are welcome to play. It is not compulsory to enter all gala days so parents and coaches can decide week to week which gala days to attend. It is a great day of fun where players get a good amount of game time, practise learned skills, make friends and gain self confidence.

Training: Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm at Spicer Park beginning in April.

Registration: Friday, 19 February, 5.30pm at Spicer Park (or any Friday after that).

$65 Under 7’s
$75 Under 9’s and Under 11’s

Fee reduction of $10 per extra sibling and $10 if you participate in the TRY RUGBY program.

For further details please contact:
Michelle MacGregor 0439 498 033 (co-ordinator),
Doug Moore (U5’s) 0417 585 816,
Brendan Guy (U7’s) 0405 160 140,
Richard Rice (U9’s) 0428 623 210 or
Wayne Osborne (U11’s) 0429 621 800
MITCHELL CONSERVATORIUM

We wish to advise all parents that we now have Music Studios in Forbes and Parkes for music lessons for all age groups.

Our teaching programs cater for a wide range of instruments, singers and composition students.

Should there be sufficient interest School group tuition can also be offered.

Lessons can be organised for after school time.

For further information please contact Jan or Jane in the Forbes office from midday Monday to Friday 6852-3766 or send an email to lachlan@mitchellconservatorium.edu.au.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

PHYSICAL CULTURE (PHYSIE) HAS STARTED AGAIN!

Physical culture is a great sport for your daughter to participate in; PHYSIE builds confidence and poise but that’s not all...

PHYSIE also develops good posture, strength, fitness, flexibility, musical awareness, co-ordination and balance through a regular program of exercise and dance. It is also very social and your daughter will make great friends.

The syllabus, which is changed every year, is performed to modern music and comprises standing and floor exercises, aerobic warm ups, basic ballet and modern dance. Teachers this year are Mrs Amy Thornberry, Ms Heidi Ehsman and Miss Jessie Weekes.

If your daughter is in preschool or older she can start physie. Simply come to Parkes Public School Hall on Tuesdays and pick up a registration form.

Classes run from 4:00-4:30pm (Preschool); 4:30-5:15pm (5/6 years); 5:15–6:00pm (7/8 years); 6:00–6:45pm (9-12 years); 6:45–7:30pm (13 to 12 year seniors) and 7:30-8:15pm (ladies)

Call Amy Thornberry 0409 632 008 for further information or check us out on facebook: search for Parkes Physical Culture.

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sparks kids club

.... starts Thursday 11th February

Who? Primary Age Kids in Years 3 to 6

When? Thursdays from 4.30pm to 6.30pm during School Terms

What? Games, Bible teaching, Singing, Craft Activity Sheets, Small group chats, more Games AND Dinner is included !!!

Where? Parkes Baptist Church Hall
Corner Currajong & Church Streets

Cost? $3 per child or $5 for a family
Term fees also available

Contact? Julie Layton 0427 606 818 or Jenna Field 0447 250 738

SPARKS is a Kids Club run by Parkes Baptist Church